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On the results of our movements across the Potowmack, both this year and last, were, we fear, a little precipitated, but, not wholly undertaken in any popular demand, finding its expression through the press, we feel loath to say anything that might contribute to swell the pressure upon General Gillmore to do in anything from his well considered plan formed in full view and after a careful examination of all his means and resources for the defense of the city. Such, so many elements enter into the question, that, perhaps some consideration given from the state of public feeling, might be of great consideration without bearing the appearance of dictation, or subjecting the writer to the censure of newspaper generalists.

On Friday night, Gen. GILLMORE sent a communication demanding the surrender of Fort Sumter and the works on Morris Island, with a notification that in four hours after the delivery of the communication Charleston would be shelled if the demand were not complied with. On Saturday morning, between one and two o'clock, fire was opened upon the City from a battery supposed to be of three guns, situated in the marsh between James' and Morris' Islands, distant about six miles from the City. Twelve 4.872 inch shells fell into the city. In the east face is cracked through and breached, the chief injury being at the level of the arches and turrets. Our magazine has been partially penetrated by a shell, and a shell room has also been performed.

The fact as given to us:—The Yankees came to Tar-

boro, about 10 o'clock on Monday, July 20th. They drove

their pickets a nose the bridge almost two miles to an embankment prepared by Major KENNEDY, with two companies of Ga. cavalry, where our forces attacked them, killing and wounding 37, taking several prisoners and driving them in confusion to the town, when they fired the bridge, retreating the crossing of our troops. The bridge was much damaged, but not destroyed. The conduct of Major KENNEDY's command on Monday, and during the subsequent operations was highly commendable.

On Monday evening the Yankees left Tarboro. On Tues-

day, at Old Creek Ford, Col. CRANSTON's regiment was

engaged in ambuscade, and there it was approaching,

the crossing of the Potowmack, that fall. They have seen

the Yankees cross the Potowmack, if not beaten, still

in the direction of their expedition across that river.

A few months past have given place

to a few months, perhaps, as former

the march of our own armies, which is indeed hardly yet attained.

Shelling has encouraged croakers

and the pocket of the nation form the most active

of political evidence. To arrest the progress of our cause—and of all that

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